Notice of Utility Tariff Filings

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) gives notice that Golden Heart Utilities, Inc. (GHU) and College Utilities Company (CUC) filed joint revenue requirement studies, a joint lead-lag study, and a joint depreciation study for its water (TA116-118 and TA155-97, respectively) and wastewater utilities (TA110-290 and TA160-37, respectively), based on a 2020 test year.

With Order No. U-19-070(21)/U-19-071(21)/U-19-087(18)/(U-19-088(18), the Commission required GHU and CUC to implement cost of service rates for its customers. In the present TA filings, GHU and CUC propose to implement revenue neutral cost of service rates for the water and wastewater utilities immediately prior to the implementation of interim rates. GHU and CUC propose an interim across-the-board rate increase of 12.50 percent to the cost of service rates for the wastewater utilities, effective October 1, 2021. GHU and CUC also propose a permanent across-the-board increase of 31.6650 percent to the cost of service rates for the water utility and 30.1509 percent to the cost of service rates for the for wastewater utilities. A sample of the current, proposed cost of service, interim, and permanent rates are in the table below.

	Current	Cost of	Interim	Permanent
	Rate	Service	Rate	Rate
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Water				
Single Residential Metered				
Usage Rate per 1,000 gal.	\$8.27	\$8.27	\$9.30	\$10.89
Fixed Fee	\$9.39	\$9.40	\$10.58	\$12.38
1" Meter Charge	\$19.99	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$26.33
Residential Unmetered Total Monthly Fee	\$80.77	\$80.83	\$90.94	\$106.43
Commercial Metered				
Usaqe Rate per 1,000 qal.	\$11.02	\$11.03	\$12.41	\$14.52
Fixed Fee	\$13.46	\$13.47	\$15.15	\$17.74
2" Meter Charge	\$87.41	\$87.46	\$98.39	\$115.15
Water Hauler				
Usage rate per 1,000 gal. (0-100,000 gal.)	\$8.27	\$7.92	\$8.91	\$10.43
Fixed Fee	\$20.56	\$19.71	\$22.17	\$25.95
2" Meter Charge	\$39.90	\$38.23	\$43.01	\$50.34
Wastewater				
Single Residential Metered				
Usage Rate per 1,000 gal.	\$12.90	\$13.21	\$14.80	\$17.19
Fixed Fee	\$16.16	\$16.54	\$18.52	\$21.53
1" Meter Charge	\$20.23	\$20.70	\$23.18	\$26.94

Residential Unmetered Total Monthly Fee	\$104.61	\$107.08	\$119.92	\$139.37
Commercial Metered				
Usage Rate per 1,000 gal.	\$13.47	\$13.79	\$15.44	\$17.95
Fixed Fee	\$68.44	\$70.07	\$78.48	
2" Meter Charge	\$88.45	\$90.54	\$101.40	\$117.84
GHU Septage Hauler				
Usage Rate per 1,000 gal.	\$111.07	\$90.03	\$100.83	\$117.17
Fixed Fee	\$425.66	\$345.03	\$386.43	\$449.06

In addition to the proposed rate increases, GHU and CUC request approval of changes to its Cost Allocation Manual. Finally, GHU and CUC propose depreciation rates based on December 31, 2020, plant balances; request that the depreciation rates be approved for accounting purposes effective January 1, 2023; and request that the impact of the revised depreciation rates be included in the permanent revenue requirements.

This notice does not contain every requested revision and the Commission may approve a rate or classification which varies from those proposed. You may obtain more information about these filings by contacting Dean Thompson, Counsel for GHU and CUC, at 255 E. Fireweed Lane, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99503; phone: (907) 277-1604. The complete filings are also available for inspection at the Commission's office, at 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 276-6222 or may be viewed at the Commission's website at http://rca.alaska.gov by typing the appropriate tariff revision number in the *Find a Matter* search box.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by 5:00 p.m., September 10, 2021, at either the Commission address given above or at its website:

https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx

Please reference TA116-118, TA155-97, TA110-290 and/or TA160-37 and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with GHU and CUC at its address given above. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TTY/Alaska Relay: 7-1-1 or 1 (800) 770-3973, or send a request via electronic mail to rca.mail@alaska.gov by September 3, 2021.

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